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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for carrying a large object, comprising:
a continuous semi-rigid cradle operable to support the carried object along a surface of the large object and in contact with the continuous semi-rigid cradle;
at least one carrying strap attached to opposing ends of the continuous semi-rigid cradle, the at least one carrying strap forming a single lifting point; and
at least one restraining strap attached to the at least one carrying strap, the at least one restraining strap restraining the sides of the object not restrained by the carrying strap when the carrying strap is used to carry the object.
2. (Previously Presented) The device in claim 1, wherein a plurality of carrying straps are detachably gathered by a handle operable to form a single lifting point.
3. (Currently Amended) The device in claim 2, wherein the continuous semi-rigid cradle comprises a pliable material operable to substantially distribute support of the object along a bottom surface of the object.
4. (Previously Presented) The device in claim 2, further comprising a means for adjusting the length of the at least one carrying strap.
5. (Previously Presented) The device in claim 2, further comprising a means for adjusting the length of the at least one restraining strap.
6. (Currently Amended) The device in claim 2, wherein the restraining straps number two or more, one of the straps located near the continuous semi-rigid cradle.
7. (Previously Presented) The device in claim 2, wherein the device, when empty, folds into a compact configuration for portability.
8. (Currently Amended) A method for carrying an object, comprising the steps of:

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substantially cradling a bottom surface of the object within a continuous semi-rigid cradle;
attaching at least one carrying strap to opposing ends of the continuous semi-rigid cradle;
extending the at least one carrying strap up opposing sides of the object to form a single lifting point; and
attaching at least one restraining strap to the at least one carrying strap to restrain the sides of the object not restrained by the carrying strap.

9. (Previously Presented) The method in claim 8, wherein a plurality of carrying straps are detachably joined with a handle operable to form the single lifting point.

10. (Original) The method in claim 8, further comprising the step of adjusting the length of the carrying strap.

11. (Original) The method in claim 8, further comprising the step of adjusting the length of the restraining strap.

12. (Currently Amended) The method in claim 8, further comprising the step of attaching a restraining strap to the continuous semi-rigid cradle.

13. (Currently Amended) The method in claim 8, further comprising the step of folding the continuous semi-rigid cradle, the carrying strap and the restraining strap into a compact configuration for portability.

14. (Currently Amended) A system for carrying an object, the system comprising:
a continuous semi-rigid cradle;
at least one carrying strap attached to opposing ends of the continuous cradle and joined to form a single lifting point; and
a plurality of restraining straps attached to the at least one carrying strap and acting to restrain the objects within the continuous semi-rigid cradle.

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15. (Previously Presented) The system in claim 14, wherein a plurality of carrying straps are detachably joined with a handle operable to form a single lifting point.

16. (Currently Amended) The system in claim 14, wherein the continuous semi-rigid cradle comprises a pliable material operable to substantially distribute support of the object along a bottom surface of the object.

17. (Original) The system in claim 14, further comprising a means for adjusting the length of the at least one carrying strap.

18. (Original) The system in claim 14, further comprising a means for adjusting the length of the at least one restraining strap.

19. (Currently Amended) The system in claim 14, wherein one of the restraining straps is located near the continuous semi-rigid cradle.

20. (Original) The system in claim 14, wherein the device, when empty, folds into a compact configuration for portability.